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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BAGAZA OF  
BURUNDI

REF: BUJUMBURA 128

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG PAID A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT  
BAGAZA OF BURUNDI FEBRUARY 5 DURING THE ZANZIBAR CELEBRATIONS.  
BAGAZA RAISED THREE ISSUES: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.,  
THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN  
BURUNDI.

2; BAGAZA SAID HE HOPED THE U.S. WOULD BEGIN TO TRANSFER MORE  
ASSISTANCE TO SMALL COUNTRIES NOT TO LARGER, WEALTHIER ONES.  
FORGETTING SMALL POOR COUNTRIES LIKE BURUNDI WAS NOT IN ACCORD  
WITH AMERICAN VALUES. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID THAT WE PROVIDED ASSIS-  
TANCE TO MULTILATERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS BILATERAL. WE HAVE  
FINALLY BEGUN TO START AN AID PROGRAM IN BURUNDI, AND HE  
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BELIEVED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE MORE SENSITIVE TO NEEDS  
OF AFRICA.

3. BAGAZA SAID HE HOPED YOUNG WOULD DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN  
ISSUES WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA: BAGAZA SAID, IS THE RESULT OF HISTORICAL PROCESSES.  
THE REVOLUTION THERE HAD ITS ROOTS IN THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH

REVOLUTIONS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WHITES WOULD BE EXPelled. FREEDOM CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT TURNING TO RACISM.

4. ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN BURUNDI, BAGAZA SAID THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE. HIS ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN BURUNDI WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED TO HAVE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CHOOSING BURUNDI'S LEADERS. SOMETIMES THE AMERICAN PRESS GAVE AN INCORRECT PICTURE OF AFRICAN STATES, FOCUSING ON TRIBAL CONFLICTS. THERE HAD BEEN SUCH TROUBLE IN BURUNDI. BUT OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS, HIS REGIME HAD SOUGHT TO PULL THE POPULATION TOGETHER FOR EVERYONE'S GOOD. HE HAD A STRONG BELIEF IN NATIONAL UNITY. HE HOPED THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT BURUNDI IN ITS SEARCH FOR NATIONAL UNITY.

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